

# **MINUTES**

## **RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**November 5, 2014**

**The 347th meeting of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority was held Thursday, October 30, 2014. Chairwoman Ms. LaSalle called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.**

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

**Ms. Faith LaSalle, Chairwoman**

**Mr. John Howell**

**Mr. Robert Delaney**

**Mr. Daniel Egan**

**Ms. Christine Jenkins**

### **Members Absent:**

**Dr. William Croasdale**

**Ms. Leah Williams Metts**

**Mr. Christopher Feisthamel, designee for General Treasurer Gina Raimondo**

### **Also Attending:**

**Ms. Gail Mance-Rios, Acting Executive Director**

**Mr. Joseph Palumbo, Legal Counsel**

**Mr. Charles Miller, CIO**

**Ms. Linda Makhoul, HR**

**Mr. Michael Joyce, S&G**

**Ms. Dana Peterson-Fatuda, Administration**

**Ms. Patia Bertram, Accounting**

**Ms. Lisa Shevlin, WaytogoRI**

**Ms. Carol Byrnes, RIHEAA**

**Ms. Winifred Antos, RIHEAA**

**Mr. Kevin Elliott, RIHEAA**

**Mr. James Cook, LCGD**

**Mr. Stephen Strycharz, Council 94 President**

**Ms. Laurie Brayton, Legislative Analyst**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on October 15th and October 23rd 2014 were unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Board of Director's meetings held on October 17th and October 30th 2014 were unanimously approved. The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on October 30, 2014 were unanimously approved subject to changes made by Mr. Egan.**

**2. Chair's Report: Mr. Cook of LGCD reviewed the budget material that was distributed and stated there are no changes. Each program is broken in separate buckets. Mr. Cook stated he is working with Navient to get a better "assumption" on the revenue projections.**

**3. Acting Executive Director's Report: No report.**

**4. Update on Personnel Committee: Item tabled.**

**5. Action Item: Approval of Organizational Structure: Item tabled.**

**6. Discussion of SLMA Implementation Plan: Ms. Mance-Rios stated the implementation date is still April 1st.**

**7. Approval of the Navient (Sallie Mae) contract: Item tabled.**

**8. Update on FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement PPSD/RIHEAA: Mr. Miller reported that it will cost the agency less than \$3,600 per year to provide this data to all public school districts. Mr. Miller asked to use Providence as the potential pilot program.**

**9. Action Item: Approval of FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement with PPSD/RIHEAA: A motion to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with PPSD and RIHEAA was made by Ms. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Egan.**

**Voted in Favor: Ms. LaSalle, Mr. Egan, Ms. Jenkins, and Mr. Delaney.**

**Votes against: None**

**At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Delaney made a motion to enter into Executive**

**Session to receive an update and advice from legal counsel and/or to discuss the status of pending litigation pursuant to Section 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Open Meetings Law.**

**Voted in Favor: Ms. Metts, Mr. Egan, Ms. LaSalle, Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Delaney**

**Voted against: None**

**Public Session resumed at 10:15 a.m.**

**Upon Public Session, Mr. Delaney stated no votes were taken in Executive Session and made a motion to seal the minutes.**

**Voted in Favor: Ms. Metts, Mr. Egan, Mr. Delaney, Ms. Jenkins and Ms. LaSalle.**

**Voted against: None**

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Director's, the meeting adjourned.**

**Adjournment was at 10:15 a.m.**

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**Mr. John Howell**  
**Secretary**